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SUBJECT: SOUTH BAVARIAN SPD DISCIPLINES LEFTIST JUSO'S

1) SUMMARY. SOUTH BAVARIA DISTRICT OF SPD ANNOUNCED AT PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 10 IT IS INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO EXPEL THREE LEFT-WING JUSO'S FROM SPD AND HAS SUSPENDED THEM PENDING OUTCOME. ACTION WAS LESS THAN LAND CHAIRMAN VOGEL HAD URGED, BUT DISTRICT HOPES IT WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO APPEASE VOGEL AND ELECTORATE AS WELL AS INDUCE OTHER LEFT-WINGERS TO EXERCISE MORE DISCRETION. END SUMMARY.

2) PRESSURE FOR ACTION AGAINST LEFTISTS BUILT UP RAPIDLY SINCE JUSO SOUTH BAVARIA APRIL 7 CONVENTION PASSED RESOLUTION ACCUSING NATIONAL SPD LEADERSHIP OF BOWING TO PRESSURE FROM BUSINESS, CDU AND PARTS OF FDP IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF CIVIL SERVICE CODE PROVISION BARRING RADICALS. ACCORDING TO RESOLUTION CONSTITUTION BARRED SUCH DISCRIMINATION. SPD LEADERSHIP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS THEREFORE IN EFFECT ACCUSED OF PREPARING TO VIOLATE

CONSTITUTION. LAND CHAIRMAN VOGEL SUMMONED MEETING OF LANDESVORSTAND
APRIL 8 WHICH UNDER HIS PRESSURE CALLED UPON SOUTH BAVARIA
DISTRICT TO EXPEL NUMBER OF JUSO'S.

3) DISTRICT VORSTAND MET APRIL 9 TO CONSIDER MATTER. IT REQUESTED
THAT ALL FOUR MEMBERS OF JUSO VORSTAND AS WELL AS BERND SCHOPPE,
DESIGNATED CANDIDATE FOR JUSO LAND CHAIRMAN, ALSO ATTEND.
SCHOPPE AND THREE OF VORSTAND MEMBERS APPEARED. JUSO VORSTAND
MEMBERS WERE GIVEN CHOICE OF RENOUNCING APRIL 7 RESOLUTION OR
FACING EXPULSION. SCHOPPE WAS GIVEN CHOICE OF EXPULSION OR
WITHDRAWING HIS STATEMENT AT JUSO CONVENTION THAT HE WOULD JOIN
COMMITTEE TO FIGHT AGAINST DRAFT CIVIL SERVICE CODE AMENDMENT.
ONE OF JUSO VORSTAND MEMBERS DID RENOUNCE RESOLUTION, AND RESIGNED
FROM VORSTAND; NO FURTHER ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN AGAINST HER.
OTHER TWO VORSTAND MEMBERS REFUSED AND THEY WERE SUSPENDED
PENDING OUTCOME OF EXPULSION ACTION. JUSO MEMBER FROM MOOSBURG
WAS ALSO SUSPENDED AND FACES EXPULSION FOR HAVING MADE STATEMENTS
SPD CONSIDERS INSULTING TO PARTY LEADERSHIP (EXACT NATURE OF
STATEMENTS, WHICH PUBLISHED IN LOCAL PAPERS, WAS NOT MENTIONED).
LONE REMAINING JUSO VORSTAND MEMBER, WHO FAILED TO ATTEND APRIL
9 MEETING, WAS GIVEN UNTIL APRIL 11 TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SUSPENSION
AND RENUNCIATION OF APRIL 7 RESOLUTION. IF HE OPTS FOR LATTER,
HE WILL PRESUMABLY ALSO BE REQUIRED TO RESIGN FROM VORSTAND.
SCHOPPE AGREED NOT TO JOIN COMMITTEE AND HE WITHDREW HIS
CANDIDACY FOR JUSO LAND CHAIRMAN, TAKING POSITION HE WAS NOMINATED
ON CLEAR UNDERSTANDING HE WOULD JOIN COMMITTEE. NO FURTHER
ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST HIM.

4) SPD SOUTH BAVARIA DISTRICT HAD HERETOFORE MANAGED TO AVOID
TAKING ANY ACTION AGAINST LEFTIST JUSO'S, OFTEN SHOWING MORE
SYMPATHY WITH THEM THAN WITH VOGEL'S INSISTENCE THEY BE
DISCIPLINED. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP, HOWEVER, HAS APPARENTLY BECOME
CONVINCED IT HAD TO TAKE SOME ACTION TO PRECLUDE ELECTORAL
DISASTER THIS FALL. IT CHOSE, THEREFORE, TO PROCEED AGAINST A FEW
OF THE MOST LEFTIST JUSO'S, BUT ONES IT ACTED AGAINST ARE NOT VERY
IMPORTANT. IT HOPES THEREBY TO FRIGHTEN MORE QUALIFIED AND IMPORTANT
JUSO LEADERS INTO BEHAVING IN MORE DISCIPLINED MANNER,
AND AT SAME TIME TO APPEARS PARTY LEADERSHIP AND ELECTORATE.
SINCE SOUTH BAVARIA JUSO'S ARE NOW TOTALLY LEADERLESS, THEY
WILL HAVE TO MET IN NEAR FUTURE TO ELECT NEW VORSTAND. THIS
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SHOUPD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR JUDGING DEGREE TO WHICH SPD'S
ACTION HAS BROUGHT THEM INTO LINE.

5) IN CASE OF SCHOPPE, WHO IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THOSE SUSPENDED,
SPD APPARENTLY COUNTED ON HIS COMPLIANCE, AND ITS HOPES WERE
JUSTIFIED. SCHOPPE'S WITHDRAWAL OF HIS CANDIDACY FOR LAND
JUSO CHAIRMAN IS APPARENTLY TACTICAL. IT WAS CAREFULLY WORDED
TO ALLOW FOR HIS BEING RENOMINATED ON BASIS MORE ACCEPTABLE TO

SPD LEADERSHIP. LEADERSHIP SEEMS TO FEEL THAT SCHOPPE IS ONLY
ACCEPTABLE CANDIDATE ON HORIZON, AND ALSO THAT HE CAN BE INDUCED
TO WORK WITH LEADER-
SHIP. IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPUTY LAND
CHAIRMAN GLOTZ PRAISED SCHOPPE AT APRIL 10 PRESS CONFERENCE AND
COMMENTED THAT STATEMENT SCHOPPE HAD MADE TO EFFECT THAT PRESENT
EMPHASIS ON PARLIAMENTARIANISM HINDERED DEVELOPMENT OF DIRECT
DEMOCRACY HAD BEEN MISINTERPRETED. SCHOPPE, HE SAID, WAS
NOT AGAINST PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY, AND IN ANY CASE THE SPD
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD IF MORE DIRECT DEMOCRACY COULD BE ACHIEVED
AS WELL.

6) AS PRESS CONFERENCE BROKE UP, TEAMS BEGAN SETTING UP TV
CAMERAS AND DISTRICT CHAIRMAN BAYERL COMMENTED TO CONSULATE
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